A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The gingelly crop area in East and West Godavari was above the average in faslis 1333, 1334 and 1335. There was a fall in fasli 1336. The Government understand that this was due, not to special rates for irregular irrigation, for such rates do not vary with the crops, but to an extension of groundnut cultivation. The area under groundnut increased from a normal of 600 acres to 5,181 acres in fasli 1336.

Books and Publications

Alleged search of the Bharathi Pracharalaya by the Police on 19th September 1928.

* 606 *Q.*—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Bharathi Pracharalaya of Triplicane was searched by the City Police on the 19th September 1928, and that the entire stock of Subrahmanya Bharathi's poems, volumes 1 and 2, were seized and taken over;

(*b*) whether the Government have decided to proscribe Subrahmanya Bharathi's poems, volumes 1 and 2;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the affirmative, the grounds for the decision of the Government;

(*d*) the circumstances under which the Government have taken the action against Subrahmanya Bharathi's poems at this moment, while they have been tolerated by the Government since their publication;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of the deep resentment of the people of Tamil Nadu at the action taken by the Government against Subramania Bharathi's poems;

(*f*) whether it is the object of the Government to put an end to national aspirations in Tamil Nadu by proscribing the poems of Subrahmanya Bharathi; and

(*g*) whether the Government are aware that the late Mr. Subrahmanya Bharathi is revered by the whole of the Tamil Nadu as a great patriot and poet?

A.—(*a*) Yes, on the 20th September.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Does not arise.
(*d*) The Government took no action.
(*e*) This Government have taken no action against these poems.
(*f*) The Government are unaware that such would be the consequences of proscription.
(*g*) Government have no information.

Civil Justice

Vacancies in the Madras High Court Bench.

* 607 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that two vacancies are going to occur in the Madras High Court Bench shortly, and if so, the dates when the vacancies will arise and the nature of the vacancies;